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Come to Camp Winnehatchee!

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For adults-only activities. (Best shared with men!)

For venture capitalist Adam Sutherland, attending Camp Winnehatchee's reopening was a no-brainer. He's even reuniting with former camp counselors to chip in and help revive the camp. What he isn't expecting is to find a girl sleeping in his bunk. Or that the girl is none other than Julia McKee, who went from shy and awkward Good Girl to scorching-hot babe....

But the good girl is all gone...and she's headed off to Paris! But before she goes, Julia intends to show her bad-boy childhood crush just how to put the "wild" back into the wilderness! And this time, he'll be the one left wanting more....

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Tia says

It was one of those "cutesy" type books. Girl finally gets her crush when they are both adults and fight to stay and be together through all odds. I wouldn't say I related to the book in any way, except maybe experiencing unrequited love when I was younger but that's about it. It was an enjoyable read.

Kat Latham says

When Julia McKee's friends buy the summer camp where they had all spent a decade of summers, she's more than happy to take a week away from her bakery and help them with renovations. But on her first night sleeping in one of the cabins, she's awoken by the boy she spent all those summers fantasizing - and writing in her diary - about.

Well, Adam Sutherland's not such a boy anymore. He's definitely become a man. And unbeknownst to Jules, he spent more than his fair share of time fantasizing about her when they were teens. Now that he sees the confident woman she's become, he's ready to explore whether they could keep the chemistry going beyond summer camp.

There were parts of this novel I really enjoyed. Jules and Adam feel very realistic, and not only do they have great chemistry as lovers but as friends, something that's hugely important to me as a reader. They laugh together just as easily as they turn each other on.

Take this scene, for example, when Jules is trying to repair one the of the cabins.

"Sonuva bunny," she cried again as she hit her thumb with the hammer.

"Sonuva bunny?" he said.

Julia jumped at the sound of his voice, then slowly turned to face him. "I guess I'm falling back into old habits. We weren't allowed to swear at Camp Winnehawkee."

"Why would you need to swear?"

"It's the only thing I can do. My carpentry skills are almost non-existent. my fingers are all smashed."

"Can I show you a little trick?" he asked, opening the door.

"If it involves finding a way to make my fingers stop throbbing, I'm listening."

"Well," he said. "First things first." Adam grabbed her hand and brought it up to his lips, then gently kissed the tip of each finger. "Better?" he asked.

She released a tightly held breath, then shook her head. "Not quite."

He pressed his lips to the center of her palm. "How about now?"

"That feels a little better. But the pain is kind of creeping up my arm."

Laughing, he pulled her into his arms. "And has the pain reached your lips yet?"

On the down side, the conflict keeping them apart didn't seem strong enough. From the start, I kept feeling like Jules was making a bigger deal out of than really suited her character or the situation, and it was easy to see how it would be resolved.

But overall, this is a fun, entertaining read.

A says

Not Just friends

This easy breezy read was offered to me by Net Galley and harlequin. Thank you

This book was an easy breezy read which hit the spot, I was craving me some harlequin blaze and as always it was delivered.

An adventure awaits you at camp Winnehatchee as it did many years ago for Adam and Julia as kids they'd enjoyed the camp as a retreat. Now the camp is closing down and as a favour to their friends once again they come together to save the camp. Julia anticipates seeing her childhood sweetheart but tells herself that the feelings are no longer there ... and Adam can't wait to see Julia to see if she's still as beautiful and unattainable as before.

From the offset it can be seen that there's still chemistry and being the only two singletons in the group they are automatically grouped together which in the end saves a lot of sneaking around. When Julia's diary is discovered and passed around camp, unbeknownst to the rest of the group, she is embarrassed and at the beginning of each new chapter there is an excerpt pertaining to the chapter about her and Adam. I thought that was cute. And in the end true to Harlequin Blaze sparks fly and diamonds are polished.

A cute read.

3/5

Mzpastrychef says

Got to love it

Lori says

I really kind of struggled with how I wanted to rate this one... I'd say a solid 3.75 stars. It was sexy, it was

sweet, it kept me entertained and very interested... and maybe I'm being a little silly here because I never did anything like this but I kind of found the characters a little immature at times.... it was mostly just the beginning of the book that I felt that way though.

Watching Adam and Julia's relationship grow was actually very sweet.. what they learned about each other including what they didn't know about each other from their past was actually pretty adorable.

Definitely worth a read!

MlleElizabeth says

This is a book.

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Alexis-Morgan Roark says

I could swear I've read this one before. Perhaps, another like it?

Any old hoot...this book was a cute little former teen crush who also liked me but didn't think I would like him and now we're going to have sex like bunnies and eventually get our HEA. :-)

Jenna Scribbles says

Adam and Julia have known each other for years, almost decades. They were campmates in their childhood and later counselors at the same camp. Julia has always harbored a secret crush for Adam. He was a player and out of her reach. Years later Julia and Adam are brought back together at Camp Winnehawkee. Their friends, Kate and Mason, have purchased the property and are in the process of fixing it up to reopen.

I'd like to thank NetGalley and Harlequin for the review copy of Not Just Friends.

This is a good Harlequin read. Very typical of their offerings. An easy, breezy love story. Nothing too deep or complicated. Friends, steamy sex scenes, and the question of - will these two people end up together in the end? A nice read.

Kate Hoffman has been writing for Harlequin since 1993 and has over sixty books released! Oh my goodness. If this title is any indication of her abilities as an author, I can see why she's been so successful.

I enjoyed the camp grounds setting. We experience old cabins, mosquitoes, water skiing, sneaky trips through the trees for a secret rendezvous. It was lots of fun.

At times I found Julia's inner conflict confusing or contradictory. I understand that her heart was wavering and that she couldn't decide on things, but this concept seemed muddled. I also felt the pacing of the story, especially the last 25%, was off.

Neither of those things can deduct enough points for me to not like the story. It's a fun read and perfect for summertime. Pick it up before heading up north or going to the beach.

Alicia Jespersen(BehindThePicketFence) says

"Win-ne-who?" Win-ne-hawkee! Who are you Winnehawkee Winne-who? Winnehawkee. Are you true? Winnehawkee. We're true blue. Winnehawkee, Winnehawkee, whoo!"

From Julie McKee's first summer at Camp Winnehawkee she knew that she was in love with Adam Sutherland. Adam has always been the stud with plenty of dates to go around. Julie believes that he could never feel anything for her, but that doesn't stop her from fantasizing about a week alone with him.

As the campers come back to Camp Winnehawkee some ten years later relationships heat up, secrets get revealed, and futures are set.

One week in the wilderness with your closest friends and the one man you always loved and never forgot is what Julie faces when she returns to Camp Winnehawkee. She never expects that Adam Sutherland would be joining her and her friends in the renovation of the camp, but when she wakes up to his handsome face she realizes just how small the Woodchuck cabin actually is.

How much trouble can you get into in just one week is probably something that is running through your head. Well let me just say, A LOT!

I have always loved reading short books that have an easygoing summer theme. "Not Just Friends" was exactly what I was looking for. There is nothing bad that I have to say about this book, it was fun, smexy, and H-O-T, HOT! Julie McKee is a very realistic woman with the typical boy problems and Adam is not what you would expect from the typical Hunk of a man! Throughout this entire book Julie and Adam continually surprised me with their cuteness, romance and heat.

Whether you are looking for a story to lose yourself in or a fun summer read "Not Just Friends" by Kate Hoffmann is your kind of book! Make sure to dedicate yourself to a day or a couple of days to falling into Julie's fantasy! You are sure to find that this book will surprise you at each twist and turn. I truly enjoyed this "Not Just Friends" and I hope you will too!

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<http://romance.nightowlreviews.com/no...>

Sarah says

My Opinion:

This book was funny, sexy, and downright fun! I had a delightful adventure following Julia around as she helped reestablish Camp Winnehatchee. But I had an even better time watching her fall back in love with Adam and reading all about their hot chemistry.

I can relate to Julia's childhood. I was the same as her when everyone else was out playing with their friends, I was inside reading a book. Books were (are) my best friends, and I am not ashamed to admit it. I love to delve into the pages of a good book, and not emerge until four or five in the morning. That's just the way I am.

Back to the review...My favorite part of the story: When Julia and Adam meet again, I laughed out loud! Julia can do some damage with that swing of hers! Too funny.

I thought the sexual encounters were very original, very Kate Hoffman and no one else. Trust me when I say I have read tons of romance, erotica, straight sex. Some of the stuff in this book, I have never read before!

The part I hated most (because of Julia's embarrassment) was when they found her childhood diary! Oh, the horror! She wrote a LOT of entries featuring her and Adam.

Recommendations??

This book is a fabulous, chuckle worthy romance written especially to entice women. Go for it!

Funzee Shu says

Everything he'd ever wanted or needed in life was there in her smile, in the sound of her voice, in the feel of her body against his. ~ Adam Sutherland.

I'm falling in love, not with the boy of my dreams, but with the man he's become. ~ Julia McKee.

"**Not Just Friends**" was a sweet-light-story about a girl who hv a crush for a boy from her Summer Camp for a decade !

This young girl like this boy so so much, but she kept what she felt for herself cuz the boy is a player and way too busy with others camper girls.

This young girl wrote all her feeling on a diary that she hide it in her "secret place" on the camp, and keep write on her feeling each time she came to the camp.

Years had passed by, 8 summer camps....and one day....her best camp girl, asked her to joined her project to re-open the camp and this - now - a woman came back to the camp and met the boy....she used to love years ago....

Everything seems fine when they finally met again...
But when they found the diary and start to read it aloud...
Then here come the trouble....

Will this boy finally know about this girl feeling ??
And what will happen next when he finally know ?

What a sweet story worth to try....and since it HQ-Blaze, yes....it's hot too.... ;)

Barb says

What happens when childhood summer camp friends spend 10 years together then get together for a reunion 12 years later? Well you'll just have to find out by reading this book. Its an awesome read. I've given it a 4.5 stars....

Rhonda says

4 STARS

It has adult content being a blaze book. I enjoyed Not Just Friends.

The characters are all good friends from thier youth all having gone to camp for years and then being camp counselors for years.

Julia McKee first went to camp Winnehawkee when she was 10 years old.

Julia kept a journal and during the story it reads some of her entries about camp and her crush on Adam.

Since her first year of camp she became good friends with Kate Carmichael and Frannie Dillon. They have always kept in contact. They spent many of summers together at camp.

Kate married another counselor Mason Gray. They have just bought Camp Winnehawkee it has been closed for years and the owners only sold it on condition that they reopen the camp and not sell to developers.

Kate and Mason sunk all their money into it. But it needed more capital to fix it up and to open it. They plan to offer it to inner city kids and not to just rich kids.

They called their fellow camp friends and asked them to come up and help them get it ready to open. Julie came to help and after spending 12 years at camp had lots of memories. Julie had a crush on Adam for years and wrote about it every summer hoping that he would like her and had hidden the journal every summer under a loose board under a bunk. Julia had left it thier.

Julie owns her own bakery in Chicago. Mason is a high school history teacher. Kate is a social worker. Frannie and Ben Cassidy both live in Minneapolis and have come to help to. Derek and Steven are a couple now and own a construction fir in Green Bay. Adam Sutherland lives in Chicago and works for his fathers venture capital company. They have all come to help fix up the camp so it can open.

The bank who loaned them the money to buy the camp won't give them a loan to fix it up. A lot of people want Mason & Kate fail so they can buy the property and develop it.

Adam and Julia meet up when Adam gets to camp at 3:00 am and thinks that cabin is where he is supposed to sleep and crawls in the counslers bed and scares Julia who is already thier.

Adam has liked Julia for years but thought she hated him. She would not even talk to him for years unless she had to and was the one girl he could not charm. Adam had a lot of first experiences at the camp through the years.

Adam and Julia are even more attracted and acted on it and tried to not let anyone thier know that they were hooking up a lot.

Its a fun story with lots of flashbacks at life at camp through the years along with them all working on the camp. Lots of things are found at the camp that brings memories back. Even Julia journal was found but no one knows its her she uses just first letters for everyone especially Adam and does not tell her name in it. The group reads parts of the journal out loud not knowing for awhile that Julia wrote it about Adam.

I enjoy Kate Hoffmans books. Could have done without the sex scenes though.

I was given this ebook to read in exchange for honest review from Netgalley.

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Mnms says

Very romantic, very sweet, and very carnal

Irene says

Quick and entertaining enough read. Not too fond of the perspective changing from one sentence to another. Didn't like the epilogue too much. Cover of the book has nothing to do with the content.
